

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

3rd Sunday of Easter **Year C**

10 April 2016 **#20.16**

“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am
Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun 11:30 am
Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by
appointment with the priests

PRAYER

Charismatic Prayer: Thursday 7:30pm
Maida: 0423 658 326 Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library] Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross First Fri Monthly 5:30pm

From the Pastor's Desk.....

“I’m going fishing”, Peter informs his friends. It’s not recreational fishing Peter is speaking of, for he is a fisherman by occupation, Peter is just causally informing the others that he is going back to work. It’s business as usual. After all the tumultuous events of the last days, of Jesus’ arrest and execution and the mystifying encounters of the Risen Lord, one can understand Peter needing to regain some form of normality. To go back to something he is familiar with seems quite understandable.

But the Risen Lord has other plans for him. “Peter, feed my sheep”. The fisherman becomes the shepherd. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, now entrusts that role to Peter. This commissioning takes place on the shores of Lake Tiberias. It is daybreak, the dawn of a new day – the overtones of the resurrection are obvious. And the subtext seems to say, “No, Peter, it’s not business as usual. I have something new for you.”

In the church, it can never be “business as usual”. If we are truly open to the presence of the Risen Lord, then we will always be called to walk in newness of life. As a parish community we too need to be constantly moving forward, and this will often require letting go of the familiar and embracing new ways of doing things. I believe this parish has a good history of doing this, and therefore would encourage us to continue this pioneering tradition of St John’s.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

BELCONNEN REGION PARISHES

Meeting of all the parishes
Tuesday 3 May 2016 7:30pm
St Francis Xavier College

Parishioners are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the future of parishes in the Belconnen Region.

Weekly Reflection:

Do You Love Me?

Peter had sworn that he would never betray Jesus, even if everyone else did. He made this promise in utter sincerity, with deep love in his heart, fully intending on keeping his word. However, he broke his promise quickly in the face of adversity. Peter recognises his betrayal when Jesus looked at him with love, and he wept at his sin.

From this we learn that sincerity and good will aren't enough to keep us from sinning. Sin isn't always the product of malice or hypocrisy. More often, we sin out of simple weakness. While sincerity doesn't necessarily save us from sin, it does help us hear the rooster crow.

As long as we remain sincere, we will soon enough admit our sin and we will know too that God still looks on us with love, even in betrayal. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

The meal celebrated on the beach takes on Eucharistic overtones and the community gathered, the nucleus of the Church will celebrate and experience in the Eucharist the on-going hospitality of God that the disciples have received from Jesus.

With Jesus no longer physically present the role of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep entrusted to him by the Father will fall to Simon Peter but first his qualifications must be probed and tested.

Hence the triple, solemn interrogation to which Jesus submits him: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' (21:15-19). Only if Simon loves Jesus 'more than these others' will he be suitable to take up the pastoral role which Jesus has exercised to the point of death.

The triple protestation of love will more than adequately compensate for the past failure and show that Peter is ready and equipped to feed and tend the sheep, as Jesus had done.

Resources used: *Reflections* by Greg Sunter & Brendan Byrne SJ at LiturgyHelp & *Betraying Jesus as Peter Did* by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

SAFETY – Church Driveway



The driveway in front of the church is a shared zone. We will be looking at safety issues concerning this area and ways it can be improved. When you drive through the parish grounds please limit your speed to 10KPH and be alert for pedestrians.

MINISTRY FORMATION

Formation sessions are listed below:

Acolytes	10 April
Ministers of Communion	17 April
Readers of God's Word	24 April
Hospitality	1 May
Music	Date to be confirmed

The parish office will contact those who have volunteered for a particular ministry before the relevant session. If you do not get your notice by the due date please contact the parish office.

St John the Apostle Scripture Group will take a break and return Tuesdays Fortnightly on 29th April in the Parish Library from 7:00pm

St Francis Xavier College

Open Day Friday 13 May

9:00am – 2:30pm

Year 7 2017 Information Evening - 9 May

5:00pm tours – 6:30pm Information Session

Year 11 2017 Information Evening - 11 May

5:00pm tours – 6:00pm Information Session

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MERICI COLLEGE

OPEN DAY 2 May from 2.00pm – 7.00pm

Year 7 2017 Enrolment Information Evening

10 May commencing at 6.00pm.

Year 11 2017 Information Evening & Careers Expo

12 May Careers Expo - 4.00pm - 5.45pm

Information evening - 6.00pm.

Additional school tours will be held on Saturday 30 April and Saturday 7 May. For more enquiries please contact the College on 6243 4100 or visit the website

www.merici.act.edu.au.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Mystery of Mercy

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

Misericordiae Vultus Pope Francis.

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' *Encyclical on Ecology & Climate*

“What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?”

We welcome and congratulate Clarence & Clarice Machiridza who will be Baptised at the 10:00am mass this weekend. We pray that the light of Christ will fill them with God's love as they embark on their faith journey.

The WORD Among Us is a digest-size publication referencing the Scriptures for the Mass of the day, with substantive, spiritual reflections upon one of those Scriptures and a short prayer.

Current issue *I Will Never Forget You* – meditations - 27 March 30 APRIL Available in the bookstore \$4.00

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation Masses

At the masses this weekend we will welcome the parish children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19 May. The children will hand out their prayer cards asking a parishioner to pray for them during this preparation time.



Let us pray that the gifts of the Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel [Right Judgement], Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe, will fill their lives.

We welcome Fr. John Bosman msc who will be with us this weekend. We congratulate John on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Presbyterate on 26th March 2016 and his 76th Birthday on 6th April.

CLAIM THE DATE:

**Year of Mercy - Prayer Day
Saturday 14th May 2016**

“Merciful like the Father”

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
9:00am – 5:00pm

More information to come.

Contact Sabina Van Rooy: 0400 269 951

Anointing of the Sick within Mass Friday 29 April at 10:00 am

We will invite the elderly, the sick and housebound of our parish to participate in the special liturgy that celebrates the healing love of Christ. As the wellbeing of our parishioners is the responsibility of all fellow parishioners we are asking for the following assistance:

1. If you know of any parishioner who would benefit from this special Mass, then please advise the Parish Office.
2. If you are able to assist with transportation for those who require assistance in attending this Mass, please advise the Parish Office.

ROSTERS

17 April Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Trevor Williams, Barbara Witzens, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
8:30 am	Janet Almond, Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic, VACANT
6:00 pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Jacinta Le, Robert & Mary Sharf

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Jim Jones, Mindalesia Jones
8:30 am	Violet Duve, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00 pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett
8:30 am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Cass & Jason Pepper
6:00 pm	Brian Mahony

Other Rosters

- 11 April **Altar Society:** Margaret Stanford
11 April **Church Cleaning:** Ted & Carol Quade
16 April **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Linnie Traynor
17 April **Counting Roster:** Therese Kercher, Matthew Toohey
16 April **Grounds:** David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton

School of Religion: – 9.15 am-10.00 am
Sundays Parish Centre (School Term Only)
For children not attending a Catholic School



Hearing Loop: - We have a hearing loop in the body of the church. To access it turn your hearing aid to the T-Switch setting.

On A Lighter Note:

Michael O'Leary was waiting at the bus stop with his friend, Paddy Maguire, when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf.
O'Leary opined, 'I'm gonna do that when I win de lottery, Maguire.'
'What's that, Michael?' responds his mate.
'Send me lawn away to be cut,' concludes O'Leary.

LIBRARY NEWS: A selection of titles on different ways of praying are being displayed this week as well as books of prayer for many different groups of people.

☞ Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses. ☞

Recently Deceased: Ann Tunnecliffe

Anniversary: Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson, John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Sharon Hannah, Vladislav Malnar, Mihaly Baruta, Jim Fallon msc, Augusta Colquhoun, Alan Hodge, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann, Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn 21:1-19

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp